has been a loss of about Rs. 120 crores by increase in the re-quoted price; about Rs. 50 crores because of variation in the exchange rate; and about Rs. 400 crores in terms of loss of revenue; and

(c) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to avoid these losses ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI) : (a) to (c) All the parties (including M/s. Alsthom, France) who had purchased the bid documents when the tenders were first floated, were intimated to re-bid for the Kawas project. No decision has been taken so far in respect of award of the contract.

Prices of Combiflame

3. SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the price of combiflame at which it is being marketed at present and since when this is being marked at this price;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry fixed the price of this product under DPCO, 1979;

(c) if so, when and what price was fixed;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the price was re-fixed under DPCO, 1987;

(e) if so, when and what price was fixed;

(f) whether it is a fact that the company neither implemented the price fixed under DPCO, 1979 nor under DPCO, 1987 and overcharged the poor people;

(g) whether it is a fact that his Ministry received complaints in this regard; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof and action taken by Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) as per Indian Pharmaceutical Guide, 1988, price charged for 10's Strip of Combiflam Tablets by M/s. Roussel Pharmaceuticals (India) Ltd., was Rs. 12.19.

(b) and (c) A price of Rs. 7.68 was fixed under DPCO, 1979 for this formulation pack on 5-11-1986.

(d) and (e) A revised price of Rs. 4.90 was *sou-moto* fixed by the Govt. for this pack as Category-I formulation under DPCO, 1987 on 2-12-1988.

(f) to (h) In reply to a show cause notice issued by the Govt., the Manufacturer company M/s. Carews Pharmaceutical Ltd. has claimed that being an SSI unit, they are exempted from price control on their Category-II formulations. With the shifting of Paracetamol from Schedule I of DPCO, 1987 to Schedule II, w.e.f. 18-1-1989, Combiflam now falls under Category-II. The matter is being further examined.

Prices of Troxyvon and Butaproxyvon

4. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the prices of Proxyvon and Butaproxyvon are still being overcharged by the drug company;

(b) when and what were the prices of these products fixed for the first time under DPCO 1979 and what were the prices fixed under DPCO 1987;

(c) what is the present price fixed for each of these products and what price is being charged today;

(d) since when these prices are being charged;

(e) whether his Ministry prosecuted the company and recovered the unintended profit made by the company; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) to (d) The required details are given below. The company vide their letter dated 23rd March, 1989 confirmed implementation of prices effective from 1-4-1989.

Prices fixed by the Government

Sl.No	Name of the pack formulation size	DPCO, 1979 5-3-1986 (Rs.)	DPCO 1987 18-11-88 as Cat. I (Rs.)	8-3-89 as Cat. II (Rs.)
1	Proxyvon Caps. 6's	30.06	3.64	4.03
2	Proxyvon Caps. 500's	227.22	271.17	300.35
3	Butaproxyvon 6's Caps.	3.01	3.52	3.90

(e) and (f) The Commissioner, Food and Drug Administration, Maharashtra has been directed to initiate action against the company for violations under DPCO, 1987. As regards recovery of overcharged amount, necessary details have been called for from the company.

Weighted average price of Ethambutol

5. SHRI M. KADHARSHA : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry arrived at weighted average price of Ethambutol based on estimates of production worked out by BICP; and

(b) what was the total production during the last two years, year-wise along with the production of each producer for the same period?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO) : (a) The price of Ethambutol bulk drug has been fixed with reference to the provisions contained in DPCO, 1987.

(b) The details of production of Ethambutol bulk drug, to the extent available, during the last two years, are given below: —

Sl.No	Name of the Company	Production in tonnes	
		1986-87	1987-88
1	M/s. Themis Chemicals	22.15	..
2	M/s. Cadila Labs.	19.59	21.56
3	M/s. Lupin Chemicals	13.12	13.55
4	M/s. Lupin Labs.	243.90	319.14
5	M/s. Raptakos Brett	1.08	0.05
6	M/s. Sarabhai Chemicals	0.01	0.01